

Creel Survey

April 4, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – At the trout hatchery, 24 boat anglers (8 boats) kept 21 steelhead and 2 chinook jacks and released 1 steelhead. 16 bank anglers kept 10 steelhead and released 1. At the salmon hatchery, 6 bank anglers kept 1 spring chinook.

Wind River – A couple boats before the high water; no report on angling success. Boat ramp blocked by logs last Sunday.

Drano Lake – One lonely boat here early Sunday morning; no report on angling success.

White Salmon River – 3 bank anglers had no catch. Bench at the mouth is underwater.

Klickitat River – 6 bank anglers had no catch.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - During the first three days of this month we sampled 3,074 anglers (including 1,054 boats) with 124 chinook and 5 steelhead. Boat anglers averaged a Chinook kept/released per every 22.3 rods based on mainly completed trips. A couple chinook were caught off the bank at Bonneville and between Vancouver and Woodland.

Ninety-eight (79%) of the Chinook caught were kept. We sampled 58 (59%) of the fish kept. Forty-nine (84%) were upriver stock based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI). Two (40%) of the steelhead caught were kept.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some spring chinook.

John Day Pool – Light effort and catch.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - A few legals were caught by boat anglers from Vancouver to Kalama.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Slow for legal size fish from the bank.

John Day Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals. The John Day Pool recreational sturgeon fishery closes to retention effective 12:01 AM Sunday, April 10, 2011.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged nearly 3 fish per rod. Bank anglers were also catching some walleye. No anglers were observed fishing for bass.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some walleye. The few boat anglers fishing for bass did very well.

Trout

Recent releases of catchable size brown trout and kokanee:

- Lewis County Park Pond near Toledo – 5,014 browns March 28;
- Swofford Pond near Mossyrock – 5,824 browns March 28;

- Lake Sacajawea in Longview – 3,870 browns March 29;
- Kress Lake in Kalama – 5,288 browns March 29;
- Merwin Reservoir – 26,390 kokanee March 25

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	1040	587								1,627	81.4%	Feb. 28	2,000
The Dalles	65	6								71	23.7%	Feb. 28	300
John Day	187	90								277	55.4%	Feb. 28	500
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep				
Bonneville ¹	145	71								216		Apr. 3	
The Dalles	11	1	5	1						18		Apr. 3	
John Day	37	10	29	5						81		Apr. 3	
¹ Bonneville Pool closed to sturgeon retention Feb 18.													
Harvest estimates are updated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary. Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.													

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

March 28 - April 3, 2011

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers. Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon																
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool						18							198	216		
The Dalles Pool	22	13			1	4	5	18	52		4		14	18		
John Day Pool	43	25		3		16	8	25	12		4		65	81		
Total	65	38		3	1	38	13	43	64		8		277	315		
Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2011 Cum Leg Kept		Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool													2	2		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead													2	2		
The Dalles Pool	41		2			12	1	1					8	20		
Chinook			2			2								2		
Coho																
Steelhead						10							8	18		
John Day Pool	6					7							8	15		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead						7							8	15		
Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool													5	5		
The Dalles Pool	1		2			3	18	41	10	106			293	296		
John Day Pool							3	8	1				171	171		
Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool																
The Dalles Pool																
John Day Pool	1						1	2	30	2			2	2		

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (% of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 6-week average)	104%	225%	125%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.75	0.05	2.81	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.10	none	2.57	none
John Day	Effort (% of 6-week average)	83%	86%	14%	300%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.65	none	0.13	10.67
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.10	none	none	0.67

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary
04/04/2011
noon

Month/Week 4/1-4/3	Salmonid																	
	Chinook																	
	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Bank Anglers</u>	<u>Kept Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Released Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Steelhead Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u># Boats</u>	<u>Boat Anglers</u>	<u>Kept Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Released Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Steelhead Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Other</u>
Bonneville	1	104	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	171	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3									233	622	29	0	4	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	106	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	239	588	19	0	3	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	160	8	0	4	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	31	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	125	294	8	0	1	0	0	1	0
Cowlitz	7																	
Longview	8	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	391	12	0	4	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	47	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	56	130	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	259	9	0	4	0	0	0	0
	10																	
Total		446	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	1054	2628	94	0	24	0	0	1	

Sturgeon														
	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Bank Anglers</u>	<u>Sublegals Rel.</u>	<u>Legals Rel.</u>	<u>Oversize Rel.</u>	<u>Legals Kept</u>	<u># Boats</u>	<u>Boat Anglers</u>	<u>Sublegals Rel.</u>	<u>Legals Rel.</u>	<u>Oversize Rel.</u>	<u>Legals Kept</u>		
Bonneville	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0		
Camas/Washougal	2						6	15	1	0	0	0		
	3						2	8	7	0	0	1		
Vancouver	4						4	10	7	0	0	0		
Woodland	5													
Kalama	6						3	12	10	0	0	1		
Cowlitz	7													
Longview	8	5	0	0	0	0								
Cathlamet	9													
charter	10													
Cathlamet	10													
Total		7	0	0	0	0	19	50	25	0	0	2		

Walleye								
	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Bank Anglers</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u># Boats</u>	<u>Boat Anglers</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4				1	2	0	0
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	1	2	0	0